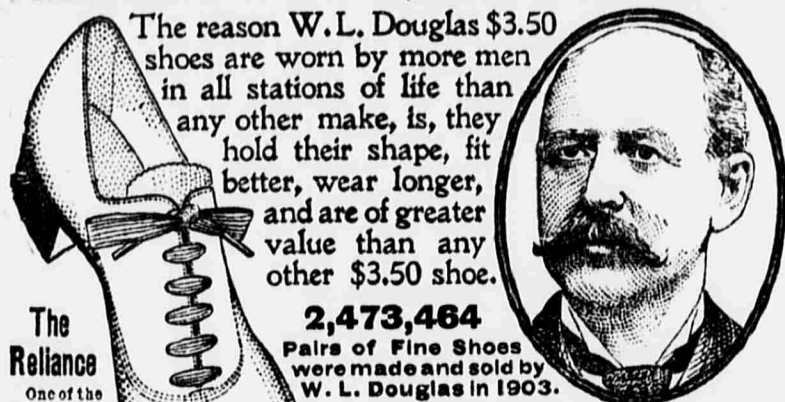


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An insignificant little fire that didn't last twenty minutes put out of business yesterday practically all telegraph and telephone service in the city south of Chambers Street.

The electric light, police and fire alarm wires were severed and the brokers not only lacked the service of their tickers but were obliged to do business with the exchanges with the help of the district messenger.

The actual loss from the fire itself will hardly be more than a few hundred dollars. The indirect losses through broken business connections will amount to an indefinite number of thousands.

The tangle has not been all unsnarled yet. The telegraph and telephone lines probably will not be restored to their normal condition until tomorrow. The fire alarm, the police and the electric light wires were repaired before sunset last evening.

The blaze started at 9 o'clock in the electric wire conduit next to the Broadway curb at the southwest corner of Fulton Street. The conduit lies above the subway proper and close under the flooring, which has been laid down temporarily during the subway construction.

It contains thousands of wires of the telephone and telegraph companies, as well as all the newspaper telegraphic loops to Park row and a number of trunk cables of both the telephone and the telegraph companies.

Two electricians, John Griffin of 12 East 62d Street and John McKinnon of 78 East 27th Street, had gone into the conduit to place some telephone cables. They had been busy about half an hour when some melted paraffin blazed up, burning both men severely, but not dangerously, and setting fire to the burlap with which the cables are wrapped.

Griffin and McKinnon scrambled out of the manhole and were followed to the



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surface by a cloud of thick smoke. In the conduit are a number of pitch pine trunks and props, and these were almost instantly in a blaze.

On the first floor of the building at the southwest corner of Fulton Street and Broadway there is a shoe store, and above are offices. The shoe store closed its doors and the offices tenants came swimming down to swell the crowd that packed in Broadway, south and north of Fulton Street.

The heat was so strong that the big plate glass window in the shoe store collapsed with a crash.

Chief Kruger, one engine and a truck answered the alarm, and the fire did not live fifteen minutes after they got there.

But the mischief, so far as electric communication was concerned, was already done. For a yard telephone and telegraph wires were melted and fused and put out of business. To say nothing of the trunk cables, the telephone company had in the conduit 1,600 wires of individual subscribers.

The whole Cortlandt district running from Chambers Street to Wall and from the North River to Park row and Nassau Street was cut off from the telephone world. In the telephone building at 18 Cortlandt Street is the long distance exchange, and for a time long distance connections, the cables for which passed through the burned conduit, were cut off. It was impossible to communicate with New England and northern points until connection had been made in a roundabout way with other exchange centres in the city.

The Western Union and the Postal companies had all their downtown connections cut off, and brokers did business by relays of messenger boys.

Workmen were engaged all last night untangling the mass of wires, and will be at it for another twenty-four hours. It is estimated that between 4,000 and 5,000 wires were cut off. The actual property loss will probably not exceed \$700 or \$800.

Boers Arrive for the World's Fair.

Nontron, Va., April 6.—The British steamship Doune Castle, having on board Gen. Viljoen, formerly Vice-President of the Transvaal Republic, the South African exhibit for the St. Louis exposition and 450 of Gen. Cronje's Boer warriors, with women, horses and baggage for the Boer village at St. Louis, passed in the Virginia Capes to-day.

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